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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate former Naperville  
4 resident, graduate of Eastern Illinois University, and head  
5 coach of the New Orleans Saints, Sean Payton, on leading his  
6 team to a victory in Super Bowl XLIV on February 7, 2010; and

7           WHEREAS, Sean Payton was born on December 29, 1963 in San  
8 Mateo, California; he is a 1982 graduate of Naperville Central  
9 High School in Naperville; he attended and graduated from  
10 Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, where he played  
11 quarterback and had 10,665 passing yards, the third highest in  
12 Division I-AA history; he was inducted into the Eastern  
13 Illinois University Hall of Fame in 2000; and

14           WHEREAS, He was a three-time all-America selection at  
15 Eastern Illinois University and had a brief professional career  
16 in Arena Football with the Chicago Bruisers, and in Canadian  
17 Football with the Ottawa Rough Riders; he played briefly in the  
18 National Football League (NFL), with the Chicago Bears in 1987;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, Sean Payton's coaching career includes: coaching  
21 with the University of Illinois, quarterbacks in 1996; from  
22 1994 to 1995 coaching at Miami University as the offensive

1 coordinator; coaching the runningbacks at San Diego State in  
2 1992 and 1993; in 1990 and 1991 he coached the  
3 quarterbacks/receivers at Indiana State; and in 1988 and 1989  
4 he coached at San Diego State as the offensive assistant; and

5 WHEREAS, His NFL coaching career includes serving as the  
6 New Orleans Saints head coach from 2006 to the present; from  
7 2003 to 2005 with the Dallas Cowboys as assistant head coach,  
8 quarterbacks; from 2000 to 2002 as the New York Giants  
9 offensive coordinator; in 1999 with the New York Giants,  
10 coaching quarterbacks; and in 1997 and 1998 with the  
11 Philadelphia Eagles, coaching quarterbacks; and

12 WHEREAS, Every year since 2006, when he became the Saints'  
13 head coach, Sean Payton invites members of the Naperville  
14 Central High School coaching staff, past and present, to attend  
15 training camp, and he has donated equipment and gear to the  
16 school; and

17 WHEREAS, During his career with the New Orleans Saints, he  
18 has been named Coach of the Year by the Associated Press, Pro  
19 Football Weekly/Pro Football Writers of America, The Sporting  
20 News, and the Maxwell Club; and

21 WHEREAS, Sean Payton is married to Beth, and they have two  
22 children, Meghan and Connor; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 congratulate Sean Payton and wish him continued success for  
4 years to come; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to New Orleans Saints Head Coach Sean Payton as a  
7 symbol of our respect and esteem.